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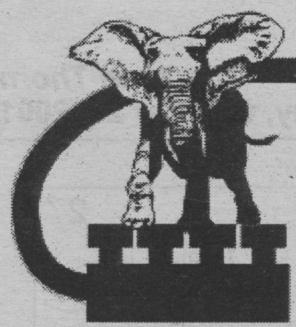
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Rose-Hulman presents on national level

Natalie Morand
Staff Writer

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology students and faculty were featured among America's top young innovators and educators at the Frontiers in Education Conference. Sponsored by the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance, the exhibit presented some of the most promising prototypes of 10 teams of student inventors, two of which were from Rose-Hulman.

The development of the Rose-Hulman projects was financed through grants from the Lemelson Foundation. Both groups from Rose-Hulman were required to make a project proposal to the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance who then reviewed and recommended the funding to the Lemelson Foundation.

The first group from Rose-Hulman was comprised of senior electrical engineers Elizabeth Huttshell, Quentin Kramer, Chad Alojipan, and Joseph Baumgarde. While enrolled in a junior year design

class, these four Rose students began brainstorming possible senior design project ideas. With the guidance of Dr. Berry and Dr. Mason the group decided to focus on designing a device which provides wireless image transmission for digital cameras.

The system operates in the ISM band using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, which allows pictures stored in the camera's memory to transfer to a computer within a certain range of the camera.

Alojipan, says, "We were looking to end reliance on memory cards and the need for a physical connection between a computer and a digital camera."

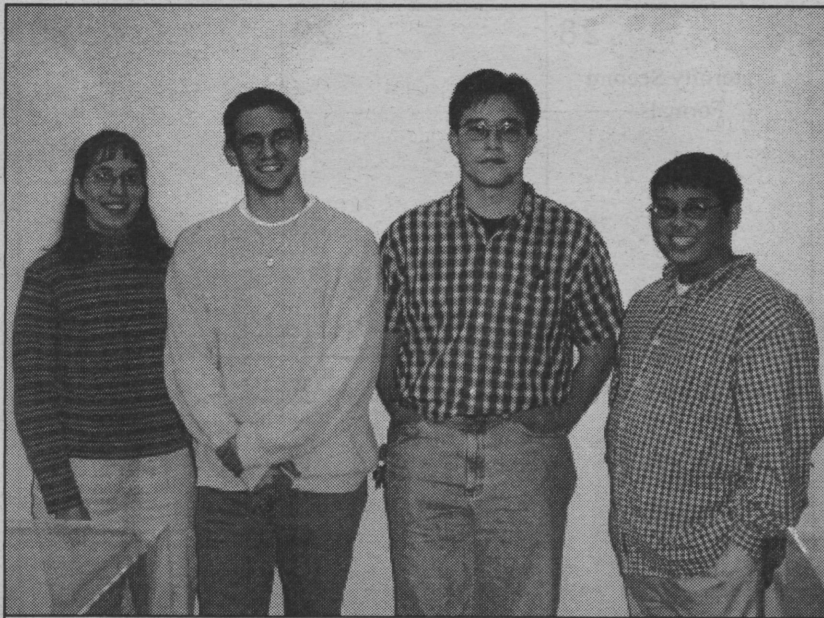
The group says that the conference was a wonderful experience because they were able to receive lots of feedback on their design and look at a broader picture of the engineering behind the business world today. Everything from the proposals needed to design and fund a project to the actual building of the product were covered. Currently, the group is seeking a provisional patent on their design.

Also representing Rose-Hulman

at the conference were senior electrical engineers Richard Barton, Keith Huster, and Brent Weigel. Their project displayed a digital lap counter and timing device for swimmers. The idea is to free swimmers' minds of lap counts so that they can concentrate on their positioning and stroke dynamics. It also keeps track of their individual total swim time or individual lap time, saves this information, and allows for transfer of the data to a personal computer.

Existing devices can do this, but they are large and costly, are intended for competition officiating, or give some but not all of these features to the swimmer in an inconvenient fashion.

According to the group, providing the swimmer information in a way that does not interfere with their normal swimming position is a missing element from the market. When swimming normally, a swimmer looks ahead coming into the wall, and then pushes off the



Kyle Gossman / Thorn

From left to right, Elizabeth Huttshell, Joseph Baumgarde, Quentin Kramer, and Chad Alojipan are developing a device to provide wireless image transmission for digital cameras.

wall when leaving. The device takes advantage of these occurrences to both collect information and display it.

Both groups of students were featured in a demonstration that highlighted the process of turning a

good idea into a viable business, while in college.

Other colleges represented in the exhibit were Stanford University, University of Colorado, University of Pittsburgh, and University of Nevada, Reno.



Dave Evans / Thorn

From left to right, Brent Weigel, Richard Barton, and Keith Huster are developing a digital lap counter and timing device.

RHIT Self-Assessment test released

Chris Scribner
Staff Writer

In order to ensure Rose-Hulman is meeting the needs of its constituents, the Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment Office has produced a massive, 52 page self-assessment document. The document takes on the

form of a Malcolm Baldrige Self-Assessment test.

Yearly, the Baldrige National Quality Program gives an award to recognize U.S. organizations for their achievements in quality and business performance. In 1999, educational institutions were considered for the award.

The self-assessment test helps identify shortcomings and congeal action plans to nurture opportunities for improvement. The full document may be found on the RHIT Academic Quality Improvement Program web site, <http://www.rose-hulman.edu/IRA/IRA/AQIP/>.

Oakley Observatory ranked 20th

Chris Scribner
Staff Writer

Located in the southeastern corner of campus, the Oakley Observatory is ranked 20th by the Minor Planet Center (MPC) for the most observations submitted this year. The MPC resides at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It is the official reservoir of data pertaining to minor planets (asteroids, comets, etc.) for the International Astronomical Union (IAU), the group in charge of naming celestial bodies and any significant topology on them.

Rose's involvement with astronomy dates back to the Moonwatch program. During the space race, satellite monitoring using radio devices was expensive; another approach involved telescopes. After sunset and before sunrise, satellites are visible by reflected sunlight, allowing observatories to contribute to satellite tracking with visual reconnaissance.

Construction of the original observatory began in 1961, on the site of the current New Residence Hall parking lot, and satellite monitoring ensued for the next few years until technological advances eliminated the need for the Moonwatch program. When plans were being slated for the construction of the New Residence Hall, it was apparent the observatory would need to be moved.

The observatory was left out of the Master Plan because there was no suitable land on which to host it. Dr. Ditteon, current director of the Oakley

Observatory and Operation Catapult, spoke up and worked to ensure the students of Rose-Hulman and the Terre Haute community would not be without an observatory. Ditteon felt that in order to keep the observatory, students must use it. He began to seek funding for modern equipment and eventually succeeded. The observatory remained a part of the Rose-Hulman Master Plan.

The new observatory was completed in the summer of 2000, in time for use by Operation Catapult. During the first Catapult session, freshman James Mendez was one of the first students to use the observatory. The second Catapult session submitted observation data to the IAU, giving the observatory its first listing with the organization.

Since its inception, 2,932 observations have been made, 1,003 of them last year. This year 1,929 asteroids were spotted. The Minor Planet Center has given credit to Rose students for discovering three asteroids last year, and thirty so far this year. Students working on asteroid discovery include Chris Wolfe, Jerina Pillert, Myles Adams, Monica Gavala, and Jeremy Groven.

The rank of 20th is quite remarkable for an amateur observatory, as most of the observatories ranked higher are professionally manned.

Dr. Ditteon added, "The observatory ranking is not a competition, but it is an indication that Rose-Hulman students and the Oakley Observatory are making a real and significant contribution to science. The students should be very proud of their work. I'm certainly very proud of them."

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WEATHER WATCH

FRIDAY

Partly Cloudy/Hi 46-Lo 33

SATURDAY

Sunny/Hi 46-Lo 26

Information courtesy The Weather Channel

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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				Drama Club Performance 8:00 pm		Drama Club Performance 8:00 pm
28	29	30	31	November 1	2	3
Fraternity Second Formals			Greek Leadership Seminar Kahn Room 8:15 pm		Drama Club Performance 8:00 pm	Drama Club Performance 8:00 pm Dad's Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Learning Center Review Session 7-9 pm	Learning Center Review Session 7-9 pm	Learning Center Review Session 7-9 pm		Finals Relaxation
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Rose to host Olympic spirit

Crystal Landreth
Staff Writer

January 8, 2002 will not only be the second day of class after Christmas vacation, but also the day that the Olympic Flame is scheduled to pass through Terre Haute. There won't be any need to travel far to view this historical event, because Rose-Hulman will be serving as a gathering point for the torchbearers.

David Piker, executive director of external affairs, reported that the flame will travel 13,500

miles through 46 states during the 65-day journey to Salt Lake City for the Winter Games.

Piker also stated that while Rose-Hulman has made plans to provide parking for torchbearer shuttle buses and an indoor area for the torchbearers to congregate, the details regarding the route of the relay have yet to be completed. While the plans are still coming together, the Rose-Hulman campus will anxiously await the Olympic Flame and spirit.

Meningitis vaccine comes to campus

Eva Barlow
Staff Writer

College students, mainly freshmen living in dorms, are at an increased risk for contracting meningitis. Considering that 10% of reported cases are fatal, everyone should consider being vaccinated.

The meningitis vaccine will be available to students in the Performing Arts Room Thursday Nov. 1st from 1-7 pm at a cost of \$85. The shot can be paid for by major credit card or charged to your student account. Although this seems like a lot of money for a shot, it could save your life.

The most common symptoms of meningitis are similar to those of the common cold: high fever, headache, nausea, vomiting, and

sleepiness. A virus or bacteria frequently causes the infection.

The bacterial version is actually present in 10-25% of the population at any given time, but does not cause meningitis until it moves into the blood stream, according to the Meningitis Association of America. Both types can be spread by contact (kissing, coughing, sneezing, etc.) with infected people, but neither can live outside of the human body for more than four hours.

Treatment is available for meningitis, but prevention is much safer. The vaccine is a quick, relatively inexpensive method to lower your risk of contracting meningitis. Hope to see you Thursday afternoon in the Performing Arts Room!

MATH CORNER PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

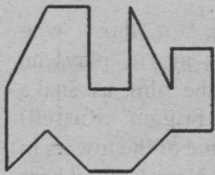
Problem:

In an art gallery, suppose that guards (security cameras) are placed to survey the room. The guards cannot see around corners, but can see everything that can be connected to them by a straight line. For instance, in the square room below, only one guard is required, in the L shaped room only one guard is required, but in the U shaped room two guards are required. [Warm-up question, where should you place the guards for the square room, and L shaped room and a U shaped room?]

How many guards are required in order to survey the following room in an art gallery? (We want the minimum number of guards.)



Square, L-Shaped, U-Shaped Rooms



How many guards are needed for this room?

Contest Rules:

1. Contest is open to all students at Rose-Hulman.
2. The best solution as judged by members of the math faculty will be awarded two new dollar coins. (See solution criteria below)
3. In case of a tie, each winner will be awarded a new one dollar coin.
4. Solutions must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday to David Finn at G 213.
5. If no correct solution is submitted. No prize will be awarded.

Solution Criteria:

- Solution must be correct.
- Solution must be documented or explained.
- Clarity of solution. Solution should be easily understood.
- Elegance of solution. Number of steps should be minimized without affecting clarity.

Available on the web at
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Self-censorship of movie industry misplaced

Forrest Gabitsch
The Daily University Star
(Southwest Texas State U.)
(U-WIRE) SAN MARCOS,-

This week, an Internet rumor sprouted up about MGM re-tooling John Carpenter's 1981 masterpiece, "Escape From New York," removing all footage of the World Trade Center.

The building, for those who haven't seen the movie, plays an integral role in the film, as Snake Plissken (Kurt Russell) must land atop one of the towers in order to get into New York, where he will rescue the president from terrorists. The movie is genre fiction at its finest, as politically intriguing as it is exciting.

The rumor, of course, has been denounced as absolutely false, proving how great a filmmaker Carpenter is. But meanwhile, on the other side of Lake Auteur, something horrible is afoot.

First, there is the upcoming "Spider-Man" movie. Sam Raimi, director of the "Evil Dead" series, as well as "Darkman" and "The Quick & The Dead," I hope will finish the flick before summer rolls around. I was looking forward to it quite a bit; finally, one of my boys will have made a good mainstream movie. Wes Craven tried it and didn't quite pull it off, but Brother Sam just might, right?

One of the coolest images in the trailer was a shot of Spidey slinging web between the twin towers, catching a helicopter inside it and blowing it up. We're talking a true comic book lover's dream come to sparkling digital life. And if you know Raimi's visual style, you know this would be an awesome sight.

Oops. Guess I forgot to mention that Sony Pictures is balking, and while no one has asked them to do so, they have removed that footage, pulled the trailer from theaters, and are currently doing re-shoots.

The final moments of "Vanilla Sky," Cameron Crowe's remake of "Abre Los Ojos," features the twin towers as well, and there are already rumors of re-shoots.

In another case, rumors abound that Steven Spielberg might digitally remove the towers from his futuristic "A.I." before it is re-released into theaters just in time for the Oscar race. Not only would a re-release give him an unfair advantage over better movies in the Best Picture category (or rather, it would remind many people that

the movie wasn't that great anyway), but he would be changing his art for all the wrong reasons. And we, the audience, lose out in the end, especially if we want the DVD, with the original version of the film. (Wouldn't it be nice if George Lucas were to release the first three "Star Wars" films in their original format as well as the "special" editions? Just a suggestion.)

I don't see George Carlin doing public service announcements about how sorry he is for saying that you don't need security on airplanes.

It seems most Americans (and by that, I mean friggin' morons) would gladly trade their civil liberties for the sake of "safety." Just ask CNN or John Ashcroft. (A side note: Have you ever wanted to give a cop the finger? Then send John Ashcroft a nasty e-mail. I'll wait.) For even pondering giving up an ounce of our freedom, we should be kicked in the shins repeatedly, or at least put through an Extreme Texas Wrestling table.

We're allowing our daily lives to be ruined, but do we really have to ruin movies, too? Let's say the Empire State Building was destroyed instead of the World Trade Center. Would that mean we'd have to burn all prints of "King Kong?" (For you cine-illiterates, "King Kong" is about a really big gorilla, who climbs a really tall building with a really hot babe and is shot down by really stupid Americans. It's kind of like "She's All That," except with a better actor in the title role.)

I don't remember anyone suggesting we cancel the Olympics. Remember that little bombing? I certainly do, because my buddies and I were too busy gut-laughing when a camera pulled too far out and revealed that one of the reporters wasn't wearing pants with his jacket. But, again, no one thought we should ban the Olympics. No, that would piss off too many sports fans.

The current excuse for this self-censorship is that it's out of "respect." You know what I define respect as? Being treated like an adult, instead of a whiny toddler who can't distinguish between fantasy and reality. This is like the Columbine thing all over again, when idiots like Joe Lieberman were railing on video games and Marilyn Manson, because they drive your children to kill.

I think all of you know how I feel. Anyone stupid enough to take "Quake" and Insane Clown Posse seriously would be better off taking themselves out of the gene pool. The same goes for any goober thinking censorship, in any form, ever does anyone a bit of good.

It's all backpedaling. When you censor something, and this goes for "politically correct" speech as well, you're really just trying to cover your own ass. Why don't you just own up to the fact that you're as helpless in this world as we are and start standing up for what this country was founded upon? There's a reason the First Amendment is at the top of the list. Keep that in mind.

Editorial:
Where is the Juice?

It has come to the attention of the Thorn staff that one of the few constants of life here at Rose has been lost. When you staggered into Aramark on any given morning, there was always the satisfaction of knowing that you could get an omelet, a grapefruit, a muffin and a big glass of orange juice. All of that has changed and not for the better.

While the Thorn is a huge advocate of ARA mixing up the menu a bit with fresh fruit, new entrees, and new desserts, we are not an advocate of getting rid of a traditional favorite.

There is a great dept owed by civilization to the man who first took a piece of fruit and squeezed its inner juices into a container of some type and then drank it.

The new Minute Maid beverage lineup contains a product called orange blend, which is 100% juice but not 100% of a single juice. This leaves the current drink selections with only one natural fruit juice that is just that, the juice of just one fruit. Now if you are an apple juice fan you have it made, if however you are more of a citrus lover, you may have to resort to squeezing your own juice.

While the Thorn understands that the national arm of Aramark mandated the switch, and that the decision to make the swap between selections was made by Minute Maid's commercial branch before Aramark was even involved, we have one question,

"What is Minute Maid doing with all their orange juice?" Correct us if we are wrong but when you think Minute Maid, don't you picture a glass of orange juice? Don't you see one of those commercials with the little kid asking Grandma for a plump Minute Maid orange?

Is there a national run on oranges? Are they now so rare that their pure juice is more valuable than gold? Doubtful, Kroger has frozen cans of orange juice on sale for \$0.88. Recently, certain staff members have even purchased Minute Maid, yes, Minute Maid orange juice.

So having proved that Minute Maid still has the technology to take an orange and squeeze out its life blood, the Thorn has a proposition for the Rose-Hulman community. Below are several forms of contact for said "juice" company. Write them, email them, call them, and ask what happened to the juice. If we raise enough ruckus, we may be able to get actual fruit products back on the campus.

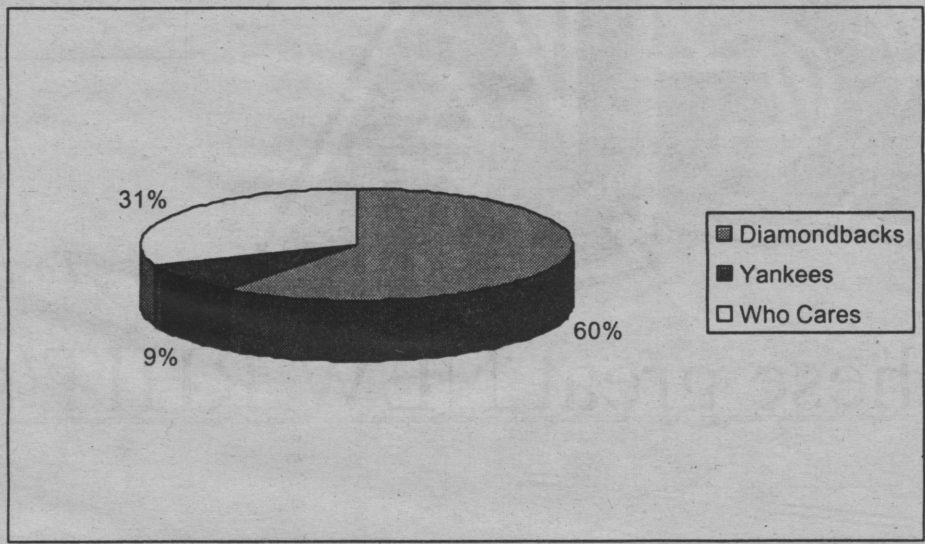
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Question of the Week: Who do you want to win the World Series?



"...Mark Grace might actually win a championship."
Curt Geen

**Note: Percentages are taken on random sampling of 45 students attending Rose-Hulman.

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Stand up for your country

Zackary Barnard
The BG News
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(U-WIRE) Bowling Green-
I'm pissed off. These peace protesters just have no clue. What's it going to take for them to realize the terrorists snicker in delight when they see Americans protesting?
Here's something different: I am proud you protesters are exercising your First Amendment rights. I think it's nice to see people stand up for what they believe. I also think this campus needs more people who will stand up and speak out for what they believe.
My only problem with you is

that you're wrong. These terrorists want to end our way of life, end our liberties and rights, and end our lives. They want to kill America and that means all the Americans who support the war effort and the few who support peace. If you didn't understand, they want you to die.
These terrorists don't understand peace. But they do understand that some people in America don't believe slaughtering 6,000 innocent people is enough to justify war. Not a war to kill innocent Afghans or a war against any religion, but a war to bring an end to these purely evil terrorist organizations.
Who bombs a country and then

drops hundreds of thousands of packets of food relief? Only America. Who freezes \$30 million in terrorist funds as part of a war effort? Only America. Who arrests 600 people connected to terrorism worldwide as part of a war effort? Only America. I'm not sure when you peace protesters will draw the line on these terrorists, but I drew the line on peace with terrorists Sept. 11.
It's not like these terrorists stood up and said, "Hey, America, we don't like you. Change or we'll run terrorists in your elections until we have the executive, legislative and judicial branches under control. Then we'll change your democracy to fit our views."

Nope, they didn't say that. They just killed 6,000 people to get that message across.
These peace protesters really must not understand the severity of our times. I feel their protesting is a great injustice to our country and the 6,000 people killed in this act of pure hate on America. Sure they say they're patriotic, they say they love America, her freedoms and liberties, and her way of life, but I just can't believe it. How do you let something like Sept. 11 slide? How do you let these anthrax scares slide? If for some god-awful reason we did let these events slide, what would happen to America next?
Although I respect the right to

choose peace, I'd rather support our president, our Congress, our military, our great country, the American dream, and the 90 percent or so of Americans who support this war effort to preserve the way of life we know and enjoy. You can stand for peace, but I'll stand up and by for my country. And for the rest of you Americans who support this war effort, it's about time we exercised our First Amendment rights and stood up and spoke out about what we believe. I encourage all of you to stop by the Education building steps today to sign the College Republicans banner supporting America's troops. God bless this great country!

Limits on teachers' speech go against American freedoms

Staff Editorial
The Crimson White
(U. Alabama)
(U-WIRE) TUSCALOOSA-
Criticizing the government does not necessarily mean you're unpatriotic.
Recently, professors at some higher education institutions across the nation have been censured for comments they made in response to the Sept. 11 attack. Two professors from two universities have been dismissed for their comments, while others were suspended.
An argument in this favor of these actions is that public universities should not allow such unpatriotic comments to be spo-

ken, which would lower the morale of soldiers overseas.
This is a dangerous step for officials to take. One of the things that separates the United States government from the Taliban is the fact that it provides our citizens freedom of speech.
If there is to be free speech in this country, we must embrace it fully, including the people criticizing our government for its actions against Afghanistan after the attack. It is hard to imagine that all 285 million people in this country are fully supportive of President George W. Bush in his response. It is not realistic.
Moreover, it is this dissident thinking that founded the country

in the first place. Founding Fathers like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson certainly did not conform to the views that King George III desired of them.
A university should be a place where free speech is endorsed, and professors should express differing viewpoints. On this campus, the UA Community for Non-Violence is a prime example of telling the other side of the story. This group of people does not want the government to react to the bombings by launching a military assault on Afghanistan. Have their voices been silenced? No.
So what is American patriotism? Ideally, patriotism would

be supporting the laws and values a government has laid out for its society, not just putting a sticker of the American flag on your car. In the United States, the American government had created leeway for people to openly criticize the decisions its lawmakers have made. The freedoms of speech, assembly and press are the citizens' primary means to accomplish that openness. The Supreme Court values free speech so much that it permits burning the same American flag that is on your car in the name of free speech.
Besides, a university is supposed to be a place where students' minds are stimulated to

think freely and develop their own ideas about the surrounding world. If faculty or students are penalized for doing this, then the role of the educational institution is being altered from instructor to dictator.
If we start restricting free speech, it is the gateway to allowing Big Brother to take over. The bleak world painted by George Orwell in "1984" will become a reality. If public institutions such as universities curb free speech, the government will take more and more liberties to silence those they deem as a risk to the country, when all they are essentially doing is expressing their right to free speech.

America, meet reality

Brian O'Connor
The Marquette Tribune
(U-WIRE) MILWAUKEE -
In the last 30 days, America has undergone a vital transformation. American flags are visible practically everywhere one looks, where none were visible before. When you walk down the streets and you look in the eyes of the people around you, you see a variety of pensiveness that was previously lacking.
The catalyst for this change was, of course, the attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, and the ensuing threats of bio-terrorism that have precipitated.
In reality, what has happened is

that somehow, some way, the rest of the world leaked in.
My English literature teacher in high school was an Italian immigrant, and he spent one class period telling us how land mines had killed a child near his village. Israelis and Palestinians alike walk down the streets in fear of getting blown up by a suicide bomber or a helicopter attack.
It is a simple fact that in many parts of the world, people walk down the streets or dirt roads of their cities, towns and villages and wonder about their lives. Now, Americans do the same. We wonder if the letter we open will contain anthrax or if the flight we

are taking home will be hijacked. We worry about the economy and about entering tall buildings.
Welcome to reality, America. Welcome to the price of living in the land of the free and the home of the brave.
Unparalleled freedom of antagonists and perpetrators to walk among us. Maybe it's the person next to us on the bus or the person that passes us on the streets and doesn't smile back.
Maybe the box left on the street only has twine in it. Maybe.
I believe that the price is one we should be willing to pay. I believe that if our rights are curtailed, if we surrender to our fear

and panic, if we allow the government to enter our homes, our lives, anything, in the name of protecting our freedom, then the attack on the World Trade Center and the ensuing anthrax attacks have achieved their purpose.
What I do not believe is that murdering Osama bin Laden will in any way demonstrate the power of America. We will not allow the international court to decide his fate, as we demanded of Yugoslavia of a man who committed an entire generation of Albanian men to death and their wives, mothers and daughters to rape?
In short, by killing this man without a trial, I believe we are

curtailing the rights of an individual, and in killing this man we will prove that Sept. 11 was a day of triumph for the enemy.
Further, by submitting all of the Afghan people to the terror of our brave missile attacks, I believe we are compounding the ills of a sickened, twisted individual.
Please do not misunderstand. I don't in any way support these terrorists or their message. I am a patriot and a citizen. I love my country, pay my taxes and obey the laws. I feel guilty when I jaywalk. In short, I am just like you.
Welcome, America, to the rest of the world. Will our strength be enough to carry us through? I wonder.

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DMX marks the spot, but there is no treasure

Jason Caron
Staff Writer

DMX

The Great Depression

Rated
D+

On Tuesday, October 23rd, DMX released his fourth album, titled "The Great Depression." DMX is best known for being the front-man of the popular rap group, the Ruff Ryders (Eve, The LOX, etc...). Clearly one of the most popular rappers alive, Earl "DMX" Simmons is known for his obsession with growling, barking, and just dogs in general. He reached his peak with his third Ruff Ryders-based album, "And Then There Was X...", which was released back in December of 1999. Several years later, he is struggling for content in order to build himself back up to the reputation he has set.

Baltimore-born DMX (which stands for Dark Man X), moved to Yonkers, New York where he grew up shortly after his birth. In 1996, his musical talent earned him a contract with Columbia Records and, shortly after, he released his solo album titled "Born Loser". Ironically, the album flopped, and DMX stepped back to try a new approach. He eventually appeared alongside other popular rappers like L.L. Cool J and Mase.

With new found fame, he signed

under Def Jam records and formed the rap group Ruff Ryders. In May of 1998, he released his better known debut album titled "It's Dark and Hell is Hot." The album sold over three million copies in three days and the hit single "The Ruff Ryders Anthem" became the most popular rap song on the air waves. DMX followed up later with the release in December of his sophomore album, "Flesh of My Flesh, Blood of My Blood," which guest-starred Mary J. Blige and Jay-Z.

A year later, he released his multi-platinum hit, "And Then There Was X...", which included guest star Sisqo. Hit singles off of DMX's third album include party favorites "Party Up" and "What's My Name?" Many of his hit songs off this album, such as "One More Road to Cross," "The Professional," "Fame," and "Good Girls, Bad Guys" didn't make the air waves, but are some of the best rap songs out in my opinion.

After several releases on movie soundtracks, DMX has moved to release his fourth album under Ruff Ryders/Def Jams Records titled "The Great Depression," which also

includes Faith Evans.

This album seemed mellower for DMX's usual high-intensity character. The current single on the radio,

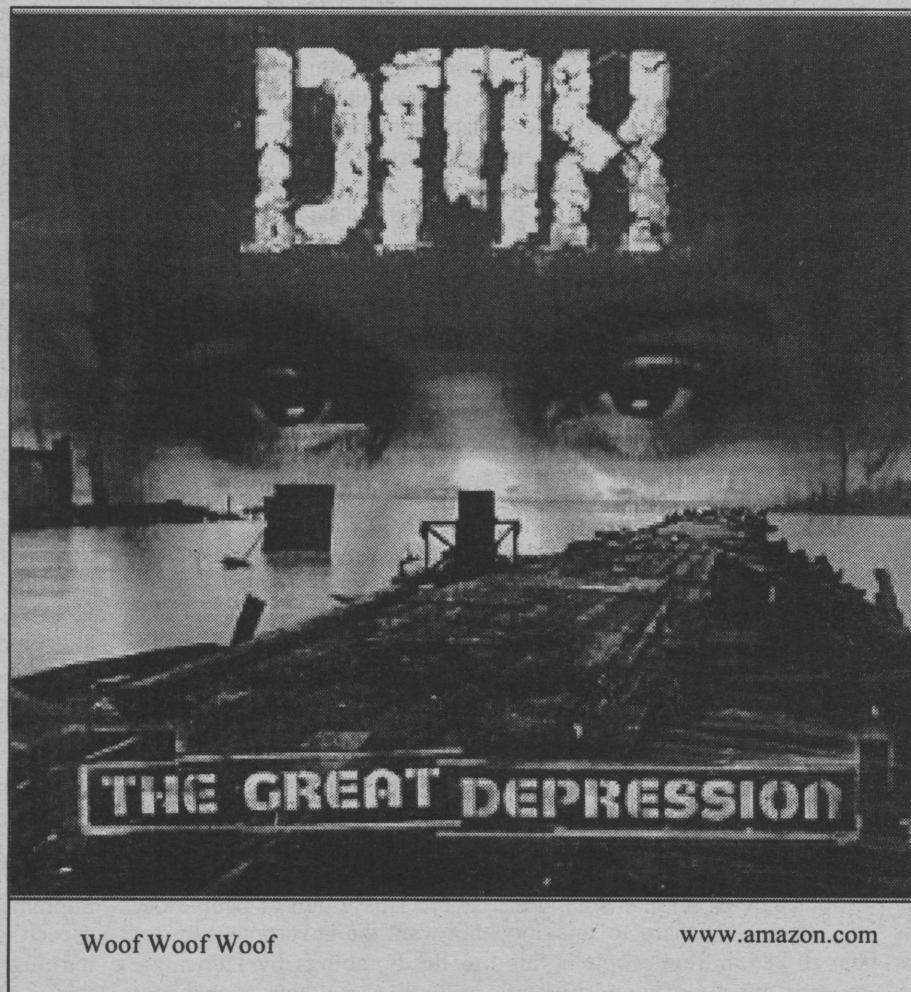
"Shorty Was Da Bomb" confused me a little bit. The lyrics of the track lean towards a sort of story. However, when DMX performs it, his side

honorable mentions are "Bloodline Anthem" and "A Minute For Your Son."

While this album doesn't live up to his previous releases, DMX still remains one of the most talented rappers in the music business. In addition to his music career, the Dark Man also starred alongside Steven Segal in last year's action-packed movie, Exit Wounds, in which he plays a multi-millionaire who works with a local cop to expose corruption in the police force. Ironically, a display of violence outside the movie theater landed him in jail shortly after filming.

His temper is apparent, but there is still a great deal about DMX that impresses me. In addition to combining rapping and singing with powerful lyrics, he promotes his Christian faith with a track on every album that is in the form of a prayer, and a follow-up track based on this prayer. While this may seem hypocritical in comparison to some of his other tracks, it still is a welcome presence.

In summary, the theory of producing a hit that generates a reputation which sometimes is unmatched holds true for DMX. While avid fans can probably buy this with no regrets, his previous releases (which I highly recommend to all rap listeners) just seemed too much to match, even after a year's worth of work. So, for this time around, I am going to give the Dark Man a D+ on his new release. While there are some songs that are worth listening to on this album, there just doesn't seem to be as much hit content as other albums. But the talent is there, so look for new hits from this Ruff Ryder next



Woof Woof Woof

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"We Right Here," is probably the best song on the album, if that gives any indication of the rest of it. Of the 17 tracks on the album, 14 are actual songs. Most of the beats tend to sound the same after awhile, and are quite similar to songs released by the rapper on previous albums.

comments tend to make it seem more comical. "Damien IIP" is a decent track which includes DMX debating with a darker side of himself about morals in general. "Trina Moe" is one of the better songs on this album with its higher-paced beat. Other tracks which receive

Iron Monkey is strong as steel

Peter Smith
Staff Writer

Iron Monkey

Rated R
** .5

Starring
You don't know these people

Iron Monkey is a bit of an oddity. It has just been released in the theaters here in the US, but it was released in China in 1993. It has also been available in the US on DVD for years now. Based on the success of Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, Miramax decided to purchase the rights to release the previously overlooked Iron Monkey in US theaters. This film claims to be loosely based on Robin Hood, I felt more like I was watching a Chinese version of the Mask of Zorro, but either way the movie is fun.

Yuen Woo-Ping, best known as the stunt director in Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, directed this film. Yuen Woo-Ping is also the director of Drunken Master starring Jackie Chan. He is definitely a great action comedy director, and this is some of his best work. The movie is very funny although the plot is lacking in substance. The cast makes up for this cheap porn quality plot with some of the most amazing martial

arts fighting you will ever see.

Incorporating the "wire-fu" style of fighting seen in films such as the Matrix, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, and The Musketeer, this film will entertain and amaze you.

They even retained the original Cantonese to preserve the artistic vision of the original actors. This was a bad idea. Nothing in this film can be taken seriously and it is truly nothing like Crouching Tiger, Hidden

Dragon. However, without making these connections between the two films Miramax would have still had a great action comedy on their hands without disappointing people looking for drama.



The Wu Tang Clan ain't nothing to F@#! with.

www.imdb.com

The style of movie the director was trying to create is exactly what you get in this film. This, however, is not what I expected at first.

The real problem is Miramax's. They decided to bill this film as a sort of mix between the dramatic storyline found in Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, and the fighting found in most Jackie Chan films.

his town so he becomes the Iron Monkey. The Iron Monkey is a bandit who steals from the rich and gives to the poor.

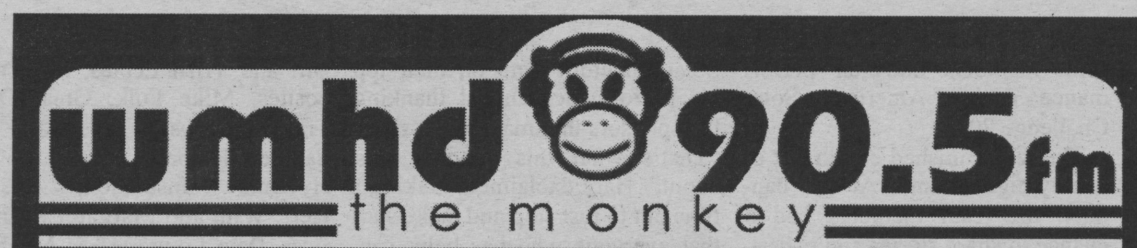
In an effort to capture the Iron Monkey, the governor arrests the son of Wong Kei-Ying, a traveling herbalist. Wong Kei-Ying, played by Rongguang Yu (Shanghai Noon), is famous for his skills in the

martial arts and the governor wishes to exploit these skills against the Iron Monkey.

The character that is actually a famous Chinese legend is the young boy, Wong Fei-Hung, played by Sze-Man Tsang. This character is the same character Jackie Chan plays in Legend of Drunken Master and numerous other movies. The actor playing this little boy is actually a little girl, who looks a lot like famous R and B star Usher. She does not sing, however, which is most likely a plus in this case. What she does do is fight, and she is absolutely great with martial arts. However, like the rest of the cast she cannot act.

This is not a movie that relies on deep plot, or great acting. It just entertains the viewer with fighting and slapstick comedy. This is exactly how it should be with this type of film. Be warned if you see this movie that you will be reading a lot. Is that worth it? You will have to make that decision on your own.

So, now I guess it is time to review this film. On a scale of zero to four, with four being a classic, and zero being Barbed Wire, I give this film a two and a half stars. With better marketing and better plot this film could easily have slipped into the 3 star range. As it stands get a bunch of guys together and go see it to have some fun. After the movie you'll want to beat the crap out of each other just for fun.



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Weekend Box Office Summary

	Title	This Weekend
1	From Hell	11.0m
2	Riding in Cars with Boys	10.4m
3	Training Day	9.3m
4	Bandits	8.3m
5	The Last Castle	7.0m
6	Serendipity	5.4m
7	Corky Romano	5.3m
8	Don't Say a Word	4.2m
9	Iron Monkey	3.1m
10	Zoolander	3.1m

This Week's Releases:

Donnie Darko
Waking Life
Bones
K-Pax
13 Ghosts

13 Ghosts

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From Hell is a hell of a film

Curt Geen
Opinion Editor

From Hell

Rated R

Starring
Johnny Depp
Heather Graham

When walking into the theater you expect that *From Hell* would be about the Devil or Buffy the Vampire Slayer. But the movie has nothing to do with the battle between Hell and Heaven. The movie tells the story of Jack the Ripper as he kills prostitutes in the streets on London.

The plot and the tail of Jack the Ripper's exploits are based on the Alan Moore novel. The novel does not have the same feeling as the movie, which is a huge improvement in my opinion (of which I have lots). The improved plot is a result of moving around events in the novel to add suspense to the movie version of the story.

The movie starts out in the streets of London where you see women of the night walking around in front of a pub attempting to attain funds through the kindness of lonely male strangers. As the movie progresses the women are stalked by a band of brigands which de-



Love you ... long time

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mand payment for the girls to work on what they consider their corners. Due to the threats on their lives, the prostitutes are forced to work harder so they can pay these men and still survive. Which is when Jack the Ripper begins to strike out at these women. As the murders progress a police detective begins to search for the criminal mastermind behind the attacks.

Allen Hughes moved the camera

and plot along with the story as though he was a pro. He seemingly has a good future ahead of him with the only other two movies of notoriety under his belt being *American Pimp* and *Dead Presidents*. As the story progressed he moved along well without giving away to much of the future story causing the audience to truly feel the suspense of the scenes.

Johnny Depp plays the police

ly he has stared in *Blow*, *Sleepy Hollow*, and *The Ninth Gate* which also involved evil overcoming the universe. He played a convincing drug influenced police detective high on illegal narcotics.

Heather Graham again plays the sleazy role as she has done many times before. This time she plays a prostitute which is similar to the character she played in *Boogie Nights* (an adult film star). She is

however, one of the few women who actually keep their clothes on throughout the entire movie. You're going to have to decide for yourself if this is a good respectable thing or disappointing.

Expecting a movie that's only attraction would have been the blood and gore that filled the entire movie, I was amazed that the movie actually included a plot which evolved nicely as the movie went along. Astonishingly, the movie also contained numerous twists and turns which resulted in an enjoyable experience I did not expect to find at this film.

The movie was a very interesting depiction of the story of Jack the Ripper. I give it three out of four bloody daggers, which in this case is a good thing. This is not a film for the squeamish. The violence in the movie was gratuitous as they showed Jack the Ripper slit the throats of his victims. Near the end of the movie the violence becomes even worse as they showed one of the prostitutes being slaughtered. But if you can handle the violent nature of the film you will enjoy the experience.

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Solar Phantom VI banquet

Crystal Landreth
Staff Writer

Last Saturday in the Hulman Memorial Union, the Solar Phantom team held a banquet not only to congratulate all of the race team members on their performance during American Solar Challenge 2001, but also to recognize their sponsors.

"Sometimes, in a project like this where there is so much to do and take into account, we forget to stop and just say thank you to the

people that gave us the opportunity in the first place," said Susan Hare, Solar Phantom CEO. Hare continued, "The Rose community has always been our biggest supporter and we really appreciate that."

All of the sponsors have or will soon be receiving a plaque from the team. These plaques were made by members of the team to show appreciation for the support from the sponsors.

Another aspect of the banquet was to congratulate all of the race

team members on their performance during American Solar Challenge 2001.

The team finished eighth out of twenty-eight teams. At the banquet, the team members had a chance to share stories and experiences that were encountered during the race. The members also received a personalized photo album and a CD with pictures of the construction and testing of Solar Phantom VI.

The banquet was a success at congratulating the members of the

Solar Phantom team on their top ten performance and at thanking the sponsors that made it possible. "That's what this banquet was about," Hare exclaimed, "taking a time out to just stop and make sure that everyone who has helped us make Solar Phantom VI a reality gets the credit and thanks that they deserve."

Sponsors included: Alcan, ATC Specialists, Richard Boyce, Carlton Brown, Camp Family Motorsports, Cellular Telephone Centers, James and Gana Dunlop,

Bill and Trish Eccles, EG Composites, Mike Fulk, Great Dane Trailers, Hoosier Fiberglass, Dr. Samuel Hulbert, Hydro Power, Hy-Grade Insulation, Russell Kerr, Wim and Margaret Kramer, A16, Dale Long, M&M Machine Services, Robin McClintock, Jim and Phyllis Montgomery, Dr. Dan Moore, Motorola, New Generation Motors, Parker Motorsports, Rose-Hulman SGA, Wayne Spary, Sun-cat Solar, Terre Haute First, Tredgar Film Products, Trimble Sign Co., Joe Valentine, Ben Webster

Spanish Club sponsors learning off campus

Rachel Lukens
News Editor

Day of the Dead is a very important tradition in the Hispanic culture. Because many Rose students didn't know what the holiday was or what it means to most Hispanics, the Spanish Club decided that something had to be done! Professor Antonio de la Cova, sponsor of the Spanish Club, organized a trip to the Indiana State Museum this past Saturday, accompanied by ten students and Spanish Professor John Gardner.

Local Hispanic groups had tables with activities and information throughout the museum. Students learned that Day of the Dead is really two days, the 1st and 2nd of November. The two days are similar to Halloween and Memorial Day in American culture, but the emphasis is on celebrating the memories of loved ones.

On these days, skulls are incorporated into the festivities. People exchange skulls made of sugar and eat marzipan Bread of the Dead with a tiny candy skeleton hidden somewhere within the candy.

Hispanics typically construct altars to memorialize deceased family members. Local groups set up altars around the museum as examples of how they are displayed. Altars typically incorporate photos, favorite foods, personal mementos, and other decorative items.

Volunteers hosted a variety of activities as well. Some crafts included tissue paper flowers, skull masks, friendship bracelets, and festive paper cuttings. A Mariachi band and a dance troupe provided entertainment.

The ten students and two professors enjoyed themselves while experiencing the culture of the largest minority in the United States.



Photo Courtesy Spanish Club

Spanish Club members stand outside the Indiana State Museum during their field trip to celebrate the Day of the Dead.

Like pizza, and lots of fun (And a little bit of work)?
Come to Olin 101 on Wednesday at 5:15PM for the Thorn meeting!!

Rose-Hulman mailroom takes precautions

Nicole Hartkemeyer
Staff Writer

While Terre Haute, Indiana is probably not at risk for any terrorist activity, mail workers here feel that because it is so easy to avoid a possible incident if it does occur, taking appropriate precautionary measures is worth it. As a result the Rose-Hulman mailroom is taking a "better safe

than sorry" approach to the anthrax scares that have recently taken place in the country.

These procedures include the use of gloves when handling mail, cleaning up better at night, washing hands after working, and asking for identification when delivering or picking up any packages. Terre Haute Post Office also requires an I.D. when mailing out packages. Because

anthrax cases are rooted through the mail system, these actions are popping up more frequently in post offices all over the country.

You may have noticed that mailroom workers are wearing gloves as protection from possible skin anthrax, but it was noted that if things do get bad, masks would also be used, noted mail services manager, Pat Jefferies.

Gloves are worn more fre-

quently now in the morning; when deliveries are coming in. Mailroom workers see the afternoon as less threatening because of the number of people that are exposed to the mail during earlier hours. If something unusual is present, chances are it won't make it very long without being recognized.

Only one "suspicious" package has been found. The package in

question was from Hong Kong, it was placed in a sack while the recipient was called to pick it up and verify its safety.

Mailroom workers have definitely stepped up their guard when looking for anything suspicious, and have been cooperative with the new postal safety measures, even though many seem skeptical that Rose is at risk for an anthrax attack.

Dr. North a Rose-Hulman legend to retire

Nicole Hartkemeyer
Staff Writer

After almost 23 years of teaching at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Dr. Mallory North is retiring. He decided to do this because he felt he could no longer give his students 100% as he could in his youth.

North has taught a variety of classes in his 23 years here, and has participated in several groups and organizations. Working in the mechanical engineering department, his classes included statics, dynamics, computer applications (1,2), thermodynamics, kinematics and machines, dynamics and machines, strength of materials,

vibrations, conservation and accounting principles, advanced vibrations, fluid mechanics, automatic controls, and many others. Other activities included working on the Rules and Discipline Committee as chair, Visual Performing Arts Commission, Engineers in Concert, Professional Engineering Committee's, etc.

North's hometown is in Jacksonville, FL. He started college at the University of Jacksonville, and obtained his undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering at the University of Florida. He went on to get his masters degree there in science astrophysics. He continued his

education at the University of Alabama where he got a masters degree in applied math, as well as a Ph.D. in mechanics.

Dr. North also obtained a variety of industrial work experience during his education. Some places he has been involved with include the U.S. Corps. Of Engineers (Jacksonville, FL), U.S. Naval Air Station, Martin Co. (Orlando, FL), Marshall Space Flight Center, and Louis Research Center (Ohio). He has also held a variety of teaching positions at the University of Alabama, Southern Methodist University, the University of Arkansas, and Rose-Hulman.

North commented on a variety

of memorable experiences he has had at Rose-Hulman over the years. In general North said Rose-Hulman has drastically changed for the better since he first started working here. Seeing 10 or more new buildings and remodeling projects completed, more industry involvement, and improved curriculums, he stated allowed him to experience Rose-Hulman's rise to the top as an engineering school.

North said being a part of Engineers in Concert was very rewarding because he got to see how much talent Rose-Hulman students possess. Being a part of the Rules and Disciplinary Com-

mittee also gave him satisfaction by allowing him to help students get back on their feet.

North feels fortunate to have been involved in Rose-Hulman's rise to be the best in the nation. He loved working in the ME department with the great faculty, saying they have been good people to work with and for. He considers all his co-workers friends and hopes to maintain the friendships he's made over the years after he leaves. He isn't planning on leaving the area, however. He wishes to keep in touch with Rose-Hulman, making use of the SRC, Logan Library, ARA, and other resources.

Rose-Hulman air rifle team places second at Purdue

Josh Annin
Sports Editor

The Rose-Hulman rifle team placed second in both the small bore and air rifle competitions at the Boilermaker Invitational at Purdue University on October 20. Receiving scores of 4358 in the small bore and 1475 in the air rifle, the Engineers only ranked below Ohio State University A, who attained scores of 4493 and 1498 in the two events

respectively. The total score in the small bore competition was based off of the sum of the three scores earned in the prone, standing, and kneeling events. Rose-Hulman received second place in each event with scores of 1516, 1375, and 1467, trailing Ohio State University A each time. The Engineers individually ranked in the top 25 of the total 48 students that competed in the small bore competition:

Jason LaBella -- 3rd
Ruth Jacobson -- 6th
Hans Nelson -- 13th
Erin Bender -- 21st

As for the air rifle competition, the Engineers individually ranked in the top 20 of the total 35 students that competed:

Jason Labella -- 4th
Ruth Jacobson -- 6th
Hans Nelson -- 13th
Erin Bender -- 16th



Photo Courtesy Dana Howard (Purdue University)

The Rose-Hulman air rifle team attended the Boilermaker Invitational at Purdue University on October 20.

Sports shorts

Congratulations to the football team (2-6, 0-4 SCAC) who beat Case Western Reserve University in overtime:

Case Western -- 27
Rose-Hulman -- 28

The women's soccer team (7-9, 2-5) lost to both Rhodes College and Hendrix College:

Rose-Hulman -- 1
Rhodes -- 2

Rose-Hulman -- 2
Hendrix -- 4

Congratulations to the men's soccer team (3-11, 2-4) who beat both Hendrix College and Franklin College:

Rose-Hulman -- 1
Hendrix -- 0

Franklin -- 2
Rose-Hulman - 5

The volleyball team (13-14, 8-5 SCAC) defeated the University of the South, Oglethorpe University, and Centre College but lost to both Depauw and Anderson University:

U. South -- 0
Rose-Hulman -- 3

Oglethorpe -- 1
Rose-Hulman -- 3

Centre -- 1
Rose-Hulman -- 3

Depauw -- 3
Rose-Hulman -- 0

Anderson -- 3
Rose-Hulman -- 0

Congratulations to the rifle team (1-0) who finished in second place out of ten teams at the Purdue Invitational and defeated Austin Peay:

Austin Peay -- 1412
Rose-Hulman--1491

The Rose Drama Club
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Upcoming athletic events

Fri., Oct. 26
·VB at Calvin College Invitational, TBA
·WSC vs. Centre College, 1 pm
·MSC vs. Centre College, 3 pm
·SWIM vs. University of the South, 6 pm

Sat., Oct. 27
·MXC, WXC at SCAC Championship
(Centre), TBA
·VB at Calvin College Invitational, TBA

Sun., Oct. 28
·WSC vs. University of the South, Noon
·MSC vs. University of the South, 2 pm

Wed., Oct. 31
·MSC vs. Illinois Wesleyan University, 3 pm
·VB vs. Greenville College, 7 pm

Thurs., Nov. 1
·RIFLE vs. Missouri-Kansas City, 6 pm

Correction

In the article "Men's and women's basketball teams prepare for upcoming season," which appeared in last week's issue of the Thorn, the statement that Coach Shaw led the Engineers to second place in the conference is incorrect. In actuality, the Engineers shared the SCAC championship with Millsaps, which is a tremendous accomplishment. Special thanks to Coach Shaw for bringing this error to the attention of the Thorn.



Photo Courtesy Rocky Mansard

Freshman Tom Drochner attained a career-high three assists in the Engineer's victory over Franklin.



Every year the men of Lambda Chi Alpha participate in the North American Food Drive, the largest single food drive in North America. This food drive is internationally sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and is locally sponsored by its chapter at Rose-Hulman. The food and money collected locally go directly to the Lighthouse Mission of Terre Haute.

We will be placing boxes in the Commons and in the residence halls for non-perishable food items on from October 19th to October 31st. We appreciate any donations the Rose-Hulman community can contribute.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Aaron Merkel at 877-2515 x243 or Paul Gross at 877-2515 x249. The men of Lambda Chi Alpha thank you for your generosity and support as do all those who will eat thanks to your donation.

Intramural Update

College Sports Watch

Briar Colwell
Staff Writer

Whether you like it or not, the BCS released its first poll this week. Although the Miami Hurricanes are atop most polls across the nation, the BCS has Oklahoma as its #1. With exceptional timing the #1 and #2 teams in the BCS play each other this week.

#1 Oklahoma will be on the road against #2 Nebraska. Without any major surprises after this week, the winner of this game should lock themselves in to the national title game. While this should be an excellent game, I am predicting that the Sooners of Oklahoma will win by a touchdown.

In the Big Ten, Purdue and Ohio St. are trying to maintain their positions in the conference standings. Both teams hold a 2-1 record, trailing Michigan at 3-0 and Illinois at 3-1. I pick Ohio State to knock the day-lights out of Penn State and Northwestern to beat the Boilermakers by a touchdown.

Ohio State vs. Penn State 11:00 am ESPN

#1 Oklahoma vs. #2 Nebraska 11:00 am ABC

Northwestern vs. Purdue 11:00 am ESPN2

Georgia vs. Florida 2:30 pm CBS

Notre Dame vs. Boston College 6:45 pm ESPN

Ole Miss. vs. LSU 8:00 pm ESPN2

Jeff Jenkins
Intramural Director

Fall activities for Intramurals are coming to a close. Mother Nature won the first round of the cross country meet, causing a time change to Wed. Oct. 31 at 5:00. The start time needed to be moved up to allow those slower recreational runners to finish before it gets too dark to find the finish line. The run will still take place at the Hawthorne Park course north of the football practice fields. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to pre register, just show up and run.

Flag football tournaments begin this week with regular season Level B champions: Hit Squad playing BSB 1, and Speed 2 playing Air Force. The Fraternity division will start their tourney on Tues. Oct. 30 with Triangle B already securing the #1 seed (see standings below). Games for this week were moved from Tues. due to Fraternity bid night. Level A will wrap up their regular season this week and begin their tourney Oct. 30.

Co-ed volleyball will play one more week in level B and have their tourney Nov. 5. Level A begins their tournament this Mon. Oct. 29 (see standings below).

On a final note, the plaques for the points champions have been updated and a new fraternity plaque was purchased. They will be displayed in the Union on the wall just outside the cafeteria doors. The fraternity plaque will remain here until a new site can be determined.

Flag Football

Level A

Teams	W	L
ATO Gold	3	0
Triangle A	2	1
Pikes	2	1
Snakes	1	2
Delta Sig	1	2
Speed One	0	3

Level B

Frat Division

Teams	W	L
Triangle B	6	0
ATO Blue	3	2
Da Bears	3	4
Delta Sig	2	6
FIJI	1	4

Residence Hall I

Teams	W	L
Hit Squad	5	0
*Air Force	3	1
*What What	3	2
BSB 2	1	3
Rugged Squad	1	4
Deming O	1	4

RH II

Teams	W	L
BSB 1	4	1
Speed 2	4	1
Deming 2 3	2	2
Skinner	2	3
The Attic 2	3	3
Deming 1 0	5	5

* Air Force has one game remaining but beat What What head to head so win or lose they get the #2 seed

Residence Hall's Tourney pairings

11. Hit Squad vs 12. BSB 1 (lost to Speed 2)
6. Air Force vs 13. Speed 2 (beat BSB 1)

Co-Ed Volleyball

Level A

Teams	W	L
3. Pike Gold	4	0
1. Dingers	3	2
2. Pike Garnet	2	4
4. ATO Gold	1	4

Level A Tournament

Date	Teams	Time	Court
10/29	3 vs 4	10:00	3
	1 vs 2	10:00	4
	winners	11:00	3

Level B

Frat & Indep.

Teams	W	L
*Seal Team Six	6	0
Pike	4	1
Hymenators	3	2
Delta Sig	2	2
ATO Blue	2	3
Delta's	0	4
AXE	0	5

* = Champion of regular season

RH I

Teams	W	L
The Attic	4	1
BSB 2	3	1
Hit Squad	3	1
Deming 2	3	1
Speed 2	1	3
Deming 1	1	3
Mees	0	5

RH II

Teams	W	L
Scharp	5	0
What What 5	1	1
Skinner	3	2
BSB 1	2	3
Deming O 1	5	5
Speed One 0	5	5



Photo Courtesy Rose-Hulman

Junior Jared Thorpe received a career high of 160 rushing yards, earning him the title SCAC Co-Player of the week.

Enjoy sports? Write for the *Thorn* sports page!

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Football standings

Team	SCAC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Trinity	3	0	1.000	5	1	0.833
Centre	3	1	0.750	6	1	0.857
DePauw	3	1	0.750	4	3	0.571
University of the South	2	2	0.500	5	3	0.625
Millsaps	1	2	0.333	4	3	0.571
Rhodes	1	3	0.250	4	3	0.571
Rose-Hulman	0	4	0.000	2	6	0.250



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Newspaper Bloopers

Headlines:

- 1. Include Your Children When Baking Cookies
- 2. Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Experts Say
- 3. Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
- 4. Drunks Get Nine Months in Violin Case
- 5. Iraqi Head Seeks Arms
- 6. Prostitutes Appeal to Pope
- 7. Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
- 8. British Left Waffles on Falkland Islands
- 9. Teacher Strikes Idle Kids
- 10. Clinton Wins Budget; More Lies Ahead
- 11. Plane Too Close to Ground, Crash Probe Told
- 12. Miners Refuse to Work After Death
- 13. Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
- 14. Stolen Painting Found by Tree
- 15. Two Sisters Reunited after 18 Years in Checkout Counter
- 16. War Dims Hope for Peace
- 17. If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last a While
- 18. Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide
- 19. Man Struck by Lightning Faces Battery Charge
- 20. New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
- 21. Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Space
- 22. Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
- 23. Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
- 24. Typhoon Rips through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

In the news:

- 1. Some 40% of female gas station employees in Metro Detroit are women, up from almost none a year ago. (Detroit News article)
- 2. Marijuana Issue Sent To A Joint Committee (Toronto Star headline)
- 3. Publicize your business absolutely free! Send \$6. (Entrepreneur Magazine ad)
- 4. Gators To Face Seminoles With Peters Out (The Tallahassee Bugle)
- 5. Messiah Climaxes In Chorus Of Hallelujahs (The Anchorage, Alaska Times)
- 6. Married Priests In Catholic Church A Long Time Coming (The New Haven, Connecticut Register)
- 7. Governor Chiles Offers Rare Opportunity To Goose Hunters (The Tallahassee Democrat)
- 8. Would She Climb To The Top Of Mr. Everest Again? Absolutely! (The Houston Chronicle)
- 9. Governor's Penis Busy [should be "Pen Is"] (The New Haven, Connecticut Register)
- 10. Thanks To President Clinton, Staff Sgt. Fruer Now Has A Son
- 11. Clinton Places Dickey In Gore's Hands (Bangor Maine News)
- 12. Starr Aghast At First Lady Sex Position (The Washington Times)
- 13. Clinton Stiff On Withdrawal (The Bosnia Bugle)
- 14. Long Island Stiffens For Lili's Blow (Newsday)
- 15. Organ Festival Ends In Smashing Climax (San Antonio Times)
- 16. Rose Petroleum Jelly Keeps Idle Tools Rust-free (Chicago Daily News)
- 17. Textron Inc. Makes Offer To Screw Company Stockholders (The Miami Herald)

Classifieds

- 1. 1 man, 7 woman hot tub -- \$850/offer
- 2. Amana washer \$100. Owned by clean bachelor who seldom washed.
- 3. Snow blower for sale...only used on snowy days.
- 4. Free puppies...part German shepherd part dog
- 5. 2 wire mesh butchering gloves, 1 5-finger, 1 3-finger, pair: \$15
- 6. Tickle me elmo, still in box, comes with it's own 1988 mustang, 51, auto, excellent condition \$6800
- 7. Cows, calves never bred... also 1 gay bull for sale.
- 8. '83 Toyota hunchback -- \$2000
- 9. Star Wars job of the hut -- \$15
- 10. Free puppies: 1/2 cocker spaniel 1/2 sneaky neighbor's dog
- 11. Free Yorkshire terrier. 8 years old. unpleasant little dog.
- 12. Soft & genital bath tissues or facial tissue 89 cents
- 13. German shepherd. 85 lbs. neutered. speaks German. free.
- 14. Full sized mattress. 20 yr warranty. like new. slight urine smell.
- 15. Free 1 can of pork & beans with purchase of 3 br 2 bth home.
- 16. For sale: lee majors (6 million dollar man) \$50
- 17. Nordic track \$300 hardly used call chubbie
- 18. Bill's septic cleaning "we haul American made products"
- 19. Shakespeare's pizza free chopsticks
- 20. Found: dirty white dog...looks like a rat...been out awhile...better be reward.
- 21. Hummels largest selection ever "if it's in stock, we have it!"
- 22. Get a little john: the traveling urinal holds 2 1/2 bottles of beer.
- 23. Nice parachute never opened used once slightly stained
- 24. Free: farm kittens. ready to eat.
- 25. American flag 60 stars pole included \$100
- 26. Tired of working for only \$9.75 per hour? we offer profit sharing and flexible hours. starting pay: \$7\$9 per hour.
- 27. Notice: to person or persons who took the large pumpkin on highway 87 near southridge storage. please return the pumpkin and be checked. pumpkin may be radioactive. all other plants in vicinity are dead.
- 28. Exercise equipment: queen size mattress & box spring -\$175.
- 29. Our sofa seats the whole mob and it's made of 100% Italian leather.
- 30. Joining nudist colony, must sell washer & dryer \$300.

Top ten reasons to date an engineer...

- 1. The world does revolve around us... We pick the coordinate system.
- 2. Find out what those other buttons on your calculator do.
- 3. We know how to handle stress and strain in our relationships.
- 4. Parents will approve.
- 5. Help with your math homework.
- 6. Can calculate head pressure.
- 7. Looks good on a resume.
- 8. Free body diagrams.
- 9. High starting salary.
- 10. Extremely good looking.

Top ten reasons NOT to date an engineer...

- 1. T-shirt and jeans are their formal dress. Hot dog and a six-pack is their seven-course meal.
- 2. The only social life known of is to post and talk on the net.
- 3. Flames like a monster and speaks like a pussycat.
- 4. Works from 6:30am to 7:30pm daily. No morning kisses and no evening walks.
- 5. No matter how hard you cry and how loud you yell, they just sit there calmly discussing your emotion in terms of mathematical logic.
- 6. Only listens to classic rock. Hates everything from Bach to Prince.
- 7. Touches their car more often than you.
- 8. Talks in acronyms.
- 9. Can't leave that damn pencil off their ear for a minute.
- 10. Will file a divorce if you call them in the middle of debugging.

Courtesy: <http://sung3.ifs.i.rm.cnr.it/~dargaud/Humor/Engineer.html>



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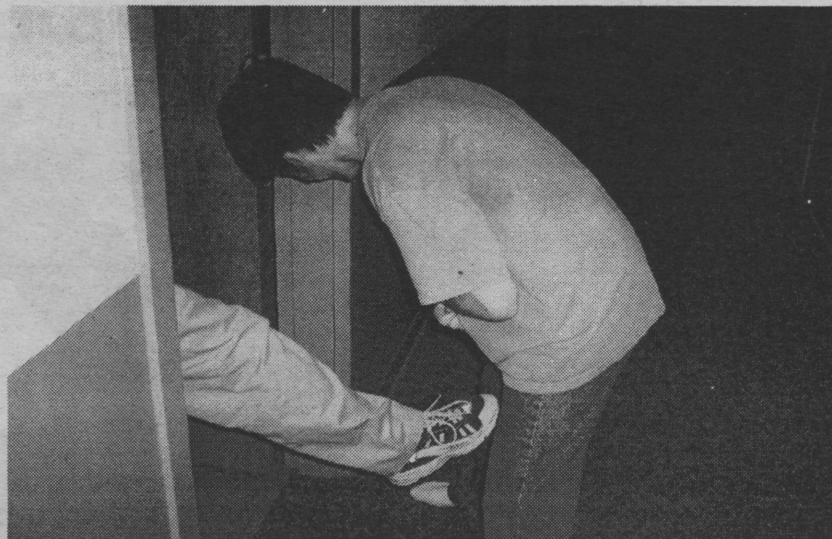
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Top Ten Prizes You Don't Want

- 10 ARA left-overs
- 9 A brand new Pentium 1 processor
- 8 A workout with Superman
- 7 A free prostate cancer screening
- 6 Any Barry Manilow album
- 5 Anything ending in -expialidocious
- 4 A box of slightly used condoms
- 3 An all-expense-paid vacation to Terre Haute
- 2 The Senior Laptop
- 1 A Clare-Bear



Terre Haute, IND

who take it feel even dumber than Hertz himself.

To the left, you can see a photograph of the New Hall, or El Hospital, as it is called by the natives. (Yeah, you've gotta say Hospital with a Spanish accent dummy: HOSS-PEE-TAL.)

In El Hospital resides the most evil and tortured souls you'll ever run across in Terre Haute, the Sophomore class. Driven mad by courses such as DE and Con Apps, these unfortunate zombies spend most of their time feasting upon the brains and intestine of lesser imps found in the nearby Speed Hall.

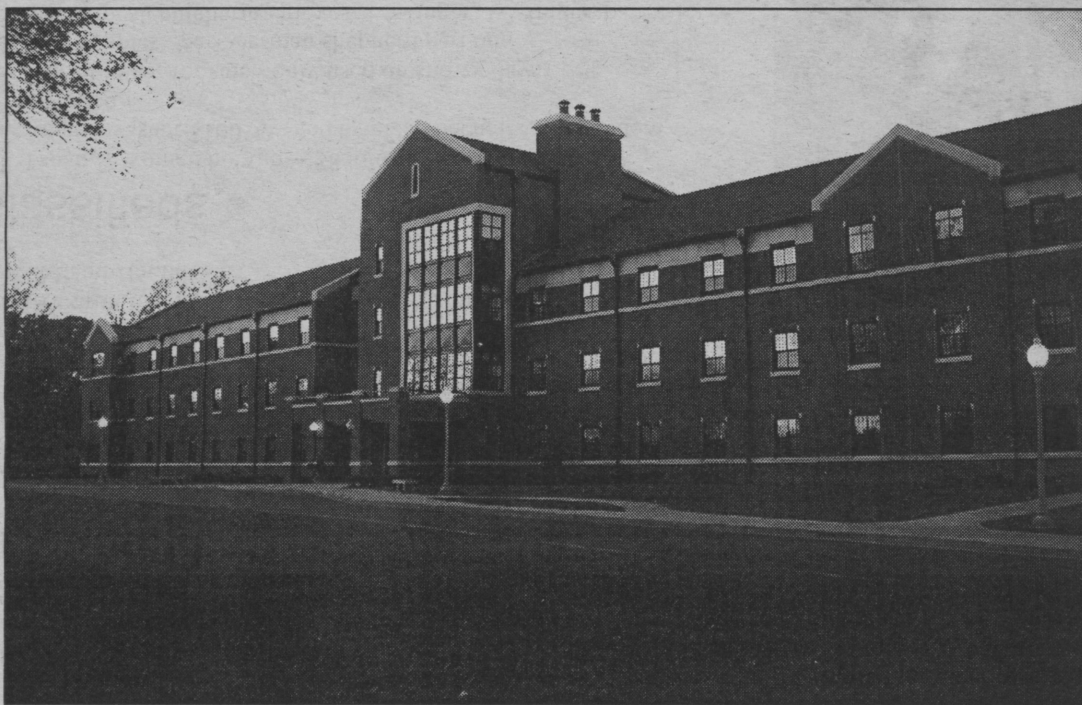
We believe the nickname 'El Hospital' originates from the efforts of our own Dr. Smack, on his crusade to wipe the dorm of dumbasses. He can sometimes be heard shouting, "Come and get some, pansy!" This 'some' that he is giving out is obviously some new kind of medical treatment formulated to make those

Hertz, one of the most notorious dwellers of El Hospital appears to be the only one resistant to Smack's efforts. If you wish to assist the Doctor, he suggests calling Hertz on an hourly basis and telling him what a dumbass he is.

Above you can see a rare glimpse of the doctor in action, greeting a kneeling-over Sophomore with a swift kick to the junk as he returns from doing something fun. Smack caught this man procrastinating on his Intro to Smackology paper, a kick-to-the-junkable offense.

When asked to comment, Smack said, "I don't teach a hummer! If you want to learn about those, go ask YOUR MOM!!!"

Truly, you'll never visit a more horrid place than El Hospital. The walls, they seem to close in on you the longer you're in here, and uh, HELP ME!!! They're going for my eyes!



Wachy Proph Quoaths <Betht read with a lithp>

"You can do it, but it would be a pain in the ass to work out."

--Dr. Langley, giving us more DE encouragement

"You can visit more than 100 condom machines in a day!"

--Dr. Wollowski, trying to keep his class awake during the travelling salesman problem in Data Structures

"Hit yourself in the head a couple of times, it'll come to you."

--Dr. Bryan, giving some loser a hard time

"This is how you become a college professor, by learning how to talk about things you know nothing about."

--Dr. Casey, about that which he is most knowledgeable

"Representing East Side, beeyatch!"

--Dr. Casey, having something to do with cannibalism in New Jersey

**Have any of your profs said something wacky lately?
Well, stay awake for once and jot it down along with
the context. Then, e-mail it to: flipside@rose-hulman.edu**



Here we catch a long-distance photo of Ron, evil mastermind of many a nefarious plot, and winner of just about any poll. Some theorize that being cast into his room repeatedly has motivated his evil plans. If he comes at you looking for blood, the only defense is to run away screaming, "Get back in your room, Ron!"

This Week in the News

Microsoft is spending \$250 million on the Windows XP ad campaign, just in time to catch a hiccupping computer market and economy. Where do you want to blow your money today?

This Week in History

250 B.C. -

Greek mathematician Eratosthenes calculates the circumference of the earth ... without using Maple!!!

This Week's Bad One-Liners

<If practice makes perfect, and nobody's perfect, why practice?> <It's bad luck to be superstitious> <Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines> <With a calendar, your days are numbered>